32. Mr. K. M. Ibarhim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any coercive steps have been taken to collect the tolls in the above question and how they intend to justify such steps in these days of acute economic depression?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Coercive steps have not been taken in the collection of tolls by the Public Works Department or by the Ernakulam Municipality. The Mattancheri Municipality has issued warrants but they are kept under abeyance at the request of parties.

Inspection fee for boats.

33. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have noted the facts that the inspection fee for the motor and steam boats is Rs. 50 per year, irrespective of the size of the boat and how they intend to explain the lack of 'proportion in the taxation'?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The inspection fee is not fixed irrespective of the size of the boats. Rs. 50 per year is the minimum fee and that is intended for vessels of less than 100 tons. Higher rates are fixed for boats of larger size.

Level of welfare—towns and villages.

34. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they intend to bridge the gap between the level of welfare of our towns and villages?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—All possible steps are being taken by the various departments of the State to improve the level of the welfare of the villages.

Rate of consumption—representative Cochinite.

35. Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to indicate the rate of consumption of a representative Cochinite for each of the last 10 years?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.— The question is not clear.

Luxury—upper classes—and poverty—masses.

36. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that only the upper bourgeois and feudal layers of our population get sufficient

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